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Abstract

The paper will focus on the Land Administration Domain Model which is under development as an International Standard at ISO. This development is an initiative of the International Federation of Surveyors – FIG. The International Standard is expected to be published in 2011.

Why is this development important? What is the focus of the standard, what is included what is not included? There will be a brief overview of the contents of the standard with attention to its core packages and to the relation to other standards (such as flexible quality aspects and surveying). The idea is that not only the field-survey based, high accurate, cadastral maps are supported by this standard. This would mean that many approaches would be excluded and the world is absolutely not waiting for that. On the contrary, many high accurate approaches are slow and expensive and proven not to work. A specialization of the standard, the so called “Social Tenure Domain Model” will be introduced to the audience. This is a flexible approach to pro poor land administration on a participatory basis. The flexibility is in the unconventional options for descriptions of spatial units, parties and relations between spatial units and parties. This means informal and customary relations between people and land can be included: land administration for everyone in a local environment – not linked to formal systems but with options for future integration.

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